

STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, ON PROPOSED MEETING OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEMOCRATS WITH NATIONAL OFFICIALS. FEBRUARY 25,
1949.

I can speak only as a member of the Democratic Party
of South Carolina.

Our State Convention adopted a platform and declared
the party's principles. Along with the over-whelming majority
of the people of South Carolina, I stood for, fought for, and
voted for those principles.

I do not know what kind of a meeting is being talked
about, but I do not believe that any individual or group can
compromise or surrender that platform and those principles,
especially some one or more individuals who stood for something
else.

I would be glad for the National Democratic Party
leadership to return to the Democratic Party's traditional
principles.

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